

■ Indian Navy Advances Maritime Security and Cooperation with Two Milestones

The Indian Navy achieved dual milestones with the launch of the MAHASAGAR initiative and the simultaneous release of the first three ships under the 08 x ASW Shallow Water Craft (CSL) project. The MAHASAGAR initiative, aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation, witnessed a virtual interaction led by Admiral R Hari Kumar on November 29, involving Heads of



Navies/Maritime Agencies from IOR littorals. The inaugural edition focused on the 'Collective Maritime Approach towards Countering Common Challenges,' fostering regional solutions. Simultaneously, Cochin Shipyard Limited marked strides in indigenous shipbuilding, launching the Mahe, Malvan, and Mangrol ASW Shallow Water Crafts for the Indian Navy. These vessels, equipped with state-of-the-art underwater sensors, are envisaged to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters and Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), ensuring security in vital maritime regions such as the Indian Ocean.